



House of Representatives

General Assembly

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Substitute House Bill No. 6256

House of Representatives, April 7, 2005

The Committee on Environment reported through REP. ROY of the 119th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING A BIO-FUEL FEASIBILITY STUDY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of
2 Environmental Protection shall, within available appropriations and
3 with the assistance of university-level interns who are majoring in a
4 bioscience-related field, conduct a study on the feasibility or
5 desirability on the use of bio-fuel, including plant residue, agricultural
6 waste, native plants and animal waste, as a fuel source for home
7 heating, cars, boats, buses, trucks, construction machinery and electric
8 generating plants, and report any findings, in accordance with section
9 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committees of the
10 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the
11 environment and energy not later than January 1, 2006.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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ENV *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note**State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 06 \$	FY 07 \$
Department of Environmental Protection	GF - Cost	See Below	See Below

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill requires the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to study the feasibility or desirability of the use of bio-fuel, within available appropriations and intern assistance. The report must be done by January 1, 2006. The DEP does not have available resources to conduct this study. Additional funds would be required in the amount of \$50,000 to \$100,000 for a consultant.

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY:

This bill requires the environmental protection commissioner to study the feasibility or desirability of the use of bio-fuel, including plant residue, agricultural and animal waste, and native plants, as a fuel source for home heating, cars, boats, buses, trucks, construction equipment, and electric generating plants. The commissioner must conduct the study within available appropriations, and with the assistance of university-level interns majoring in the biosciences. She must report any findings to the environment and energy and technology committees by January 1, 2006.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

Environment Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

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